



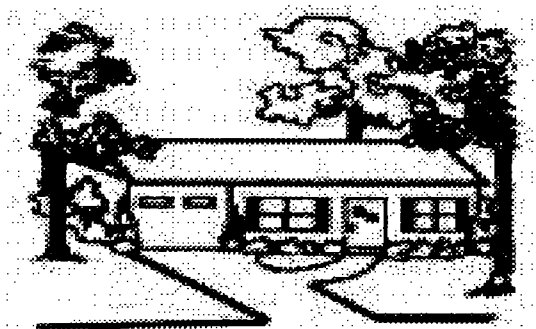
What is a Home Investigation?

FACT SHEET
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When we do a home investigation we go to your home and look for places where your children could be coming into contact with too much lead and arsenic. There are many places to look for lead or arsenic. In a home investigation we plan to sample:

✓ tap water,

✓ paint,



✓ soil,

✓ dust,

We will also interview you to help us identify how children at your home might be exposed to lead or arsenic. The home investigation is **free**, and none of these activities cause damage to your property. All of the investigations are performed while you are at home.

To do a home investigation, all we need is your permission. Then, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) representative will call you and arrange an appointment to come out to your home and collect samples. The investigation should take just a few hours. Someone from the Denver Department of Environmental Health will join the EPA representative to help with the sampling and to provide expert advice on household lead issues.

Once we have your results, we will report them to you and provide an explanation about what they mean. If lead-based paint is identified inside or outside of your home, then this information will also be provided to the Northeast Denver Housing Center (they can help you take care of lead-based paint). The results will also be provided to the City and County of Denver's Department of Environmental Health so that their staff can provide follow-up case-management services to your family.

For more information, please call EPA Community Involvement Coordinators Jennifer Chergo at (303) 312-6601, or Pat Courtney at (303) 312-6631.